

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1553
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2002
PRIVATE CELLULAR OPERATORS
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the private cellular operators and the amount due against each of them at present, State-wise;
- (b) the period for which the dues have been outstanding against them,;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to recover the same;
- (d) whether dues against any operators have been waived; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a)& (b): Details are in Annexure.

(c) Steps have been taken by the Government to recover the license fee dues by sending notices, encashment of Bank Guarantees and termination of licenses.

As regard the dues pertaining to spectrum charges, it has been decided that no new assignment of frequencies or SACFA clearance for new sites will be issued for such defaulting companies. A penalty clause regarding levy of interest with effect from 1.4.2002 has also been imposed for delayed payments.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

ANNEXURE

Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1553 to be answered on 24.07.2002 Details of Licence Fee & Spectrum Charges outstanding of Cellular Operators.

(Rs. In Crs.)

Sl.N Licensee Service Amount outstanding(O/S)

Area		Licenc O/S		Spectr O/S		TOTAL	
Area	Since	um	Since				
(month / yr)	Charges (month / yr)						
1. M/s. Koshika	UP(West)	40.84	12/98	13.40	01/97	54.24	
UP(East)	166.31	06/98	6.79	01/97	173.10		
Bihar	33.77	02/99	10.45	01/97	44.22		
Orissa	49.15	12/98	2.65	01/97	51.80		
2. M/S. Birla	Gujarat	4.93@@	04/02	-	-	4.93	
AT & T Maharasht	7.81@@	04/02	-	-	7.81		
Andhra	7.20@@	04/02	-	-	7.20		

	Pradesh						
	Madhya	-	-	0.95	04/02	0.95	
	Pradesh						
3.	M/s. BPL	Kerala	1.18@@	04/02	10.40	01/99	11.58
	Cellular	Maharash	4.58@@	04/02	13.45	01/99	18.03
	Tamil	2.99@@	04/02	14.29	01/99	17.28	
	Nadu						
4.	M/s. BPL	Mumbai	12.84@@	04/02	30.60	01/99	43.44
	Mobile						
5.	M/s.Aircel	UP(East)	-	-	8.07	01/99	8.07
	Digilink	Rajasthan	-	6.10	01/99	6.10	
	Haryana	-	7.03	01/99	7.03		
6.	M/s.Spice	Punjab	-	-	3.84	04/02	3.84
	Karnataka	-	5.15	04/02	5.15		
7	M/s.Escotel	Kerala	-	-	1.55	04/02	1.55
	UP(West)	-	2.06	04/02	2.06		
	Haryana	-	0.21	04/02	0.21		
8.	M/s. H. Max	Mumbai	-	-	0.91	06/02	0.91
9.	M/s. Usha	Kolkata	-	-	0.27	06/02	0.27
	Martin						
10.	M/s .Hexacom	Rajasthan	-	-	5.71	01/99	5.71

@@ These are approximate current dues (on self estimation basis of the licensee)
for the quarter ending 30.06.2002.

NOTE: The outstanding dues are principal amounts due only and interest is payable till
the date of actual payment.